

ORDINANCE NO. 14802

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 32 - 2010

INTRODUCED BY

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 177, Environmental Advisory Council, by providing for the election of the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council by the Environmental Council rather than by the Mayor with the approval of Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Article 177, Environmental Advisory Board Council, includes the following modification that would in effect allow the Board to elect their own Chair.

ARTICLE 177 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Created by Ordinance 14566 on February 8, 2008

- 177.01 Purpose**
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177.01 PURPOSE

Allentown City Council and the Administration of the City of Allentown deem it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Allentown to be advised as to environmental issues within the City of Allentown; to encourage sustainable design and the use of renewable energies, the protection and preservation of natural resources within the City of Allentown and maintaining possible uses of open land in the City of Allentown; and creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the City of Allentown.

177.02 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION
Created by Ordinance 14566 on February 8, 2008

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of seven (7) residents of this City, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by Council.

- 1) Five (5) Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of City Council;
- 2) Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term in office;
- 3) Duly appointed Council members shall serve a term of three (3) years, except that initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year;

4) A member of the Allentown Planning Commission is to be a liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council. The Planning Commission member, as liaison, is to be in a non-voting capacity with the Environmental Advisory Council, and the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council is to be selected by the Chairperson of the Allentown Planning Commission.

177.03 CHAIRMAN; COMPENSATION

The Chairperson of the Council shall be elected by the Environmental Advisory Council at their first meeting held in each calendar year. ~~designated by the Mayor, with approval of City Council.~~ Environmental Advisory Council members shall receive no compensation for their services.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the elected officials, Planning Commission and other such local governmental agencies.

177.04 POWERS AND DUTIES

- 1) Identify environmental problems, research solutions, and make recommendations to Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration;
- 2) Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 3) Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas and/or environmentally sensitive lands within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 4) Promote community environmental programs;
- 5) Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;
- 6) Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal;
- 7) Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate;
- 8) To assist in the creation of and maintain an environmental map of the City Of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 9) Advise Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration upon issues of energy conservation;
- 10) To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration.

177.05 ANNUAL REPORT

The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities, and shall make an annual report which shall be printed in the annual municipal report (if applicable) or otherwise made known and available. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to Allentown City Council and the City of Allentown Administration.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

AMENDMENT: Adding at their first meeting held in each calendar year, 6 – 0.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald		
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on June 16th and signed by the Mayor on June 25, 2010.



CITY CLERK